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IRANIAN ARMY STATEMENT ON U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT

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(TEXT) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY  
THE JOINT STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL,  
"ALLAH VERILY SHALL NOT CHANGE WHAT IS IN A PEOPLE  
UNTIL THEY CHANGE WHAT IS IN THEMSELVES"--KORAN.

AT THIS JUNCTURE WHEN THE REVOLUTIONARY AND STRUGGLING  
NATION OF IRAN, BY ITS DESTRUCTION OF THE EDIFICE  
OF THE SATANS IS PROCEEDING TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF ITS  
ISLAMIC MISSION, ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO IS THE FRIEND AND  
COMPANION OF THE MEER, IS RENDERING HELP TO OUR RISING  
NATION SO MUCH SO THAT AS A RESULT OF PURSUIT BY AIRCRAFT  
OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TWO  
U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRYING A NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS AND U.S.  
MARINES WITH THE AIM OF LAUNCHING A SURPRISE RAID ON THE  
SPY DEN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN TEHRAN TO RELEASE THE  
HOSTAGES, COLLIDED WHILE FLEEING FROM THE TERRITORY  
OF IRAN, CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF THE  
TABAS REGION.

IN THE MEANTIME, DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
LATER.

WITH THE SUCCOUR OF ALMIGHTY GOD, ISLAM IS VICTORIOUS.

(SIGNED) JOINT STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF IRAN.